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Date: Thu, 14 Dec 89 11:45:26 CST

From: rlwest@flop2.csc.ti.com (Bob West, WA8YCD)

Subject: 1989 Third-Party Countries List (SOURCE: "The FCC Rule Book")

Message-ID: <8912141747.AA12298@ti.com>

(SOURCE: The FCC Rule Book, Eighth Edition, First Printing, 1989, p.13-13)

Table 1

International Third-Party Traffic--Proceed with Caution

Occasionally, DX stations may ask you to handle a third-party message to a friend or relative in the States. This is all right as long as the US has signed an official Third-Party Traffic Agreement with that particular country, and the traffic is noncommercial and of a personal, unimportant nature. During an emergency, our State Department will often work out a special temporary agreement with the country involved, but in normal times, never handle traffic without first making sure it is legally permitted.

US Amateurs May Handle Third-Party Traffic With:

C5	The Gambia	V2	Antigua
CE	Chile		and Barbuda
CO	Cuba	V3	Belize
CP	Bolivia	V4	St Christopher
CX	Uruguay		and Nevis
EL	Liberia	VE	Canada
GB	Great Britain*	VK	Australia
HC	Ecuador	VR6	Pitcarin Island**
HH	Haiti	XE	Mexico
HI	Dominican Republic	YN	Nicaragua
HK	Colombia	YS	El Salvador

HP	Panama	YV	Venezuela
HR	Honduras	ZP	Paraguay
J3	Grenada	3D6	Swaziland
J6	St Lucia	4U1ITU	ITU, Geneva
J7	Dominica	4U1VIX	VIC, Vienna
J8	St Vincent	4X	Israel
JY	Jordan	6Y	Jamaica
LU	Argentina	8R	Guyana
OA	Peru	9G	Ghana
PY	Brazil	9L	Sierra Leone
TG	Guatemala	9Y	Trinidad and
TI	Costa Rica		Tobago

* Third-party traffic permitted between US amateurs and special-events stations in the United Kingdom having the prefix GB only, with the exception that GB3 stations are not included in this agreement.

** Since 1970, there has been an informal agreement between the United Kingdom and the US, permitting VR6TC and US amateurs to exchange messages concerning medical emergencies, urgent need for equipment or supplies, and private or personal matters of island residents.

Please note that the Region 2 Division of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU) has recommended that international traffic on the 20- and 15-meter bands be conducted on the following frequencies:

14.100-14.150 MHz
14.250-14.350 MHz
21.150-21.200 MHz
21.300-21.450 MHz

The IARU is the alliance of Amateur Radio Societies from around the world; Region 21 comprises Member-Societies in North, South and Central America, and the Caribbean.

Note: At the end of an exchange of third-party traffic with a station located in a foreign country, an FCC-licensed amateur must also transmit the call sign of the foreign station as well as his own call.

The above table is excerpted from "The FCC Rule Book" for the information of amateurs via electronic distribution. For further information, contact the American Radio Relay League, 225 Main St, Newington CT 06111 (203) 666-1544.

Date: 14 Dec 89 15:48:06 GMT
From: swrinde!zaphod.mps.ohio-state.edu!uakari.primate.wisc.edu!larry!sde@ucsd.edu
(Scott Ellington)
Subject: ARRL Propagation Forecast Bn Nr 49
Message-ID: <789@larry.sal.wisc.edu>

Until a week or so ago, 20 Meters has been open to the South Pacific every night around 0400Z. Lately, that path has been dead, though I hear stations further south working stations I can't hear. Perhaps it's just the winter solstice doldrums. Or maybe for some reason the D layer absorbtion is very high along that path lately.

K9MA

Date: 14 Dec 89 09:23:00 CST
From: "christiansen" <christiansen@chewi.che.wisc.edu>
Subject: DX Neophyte Wants QSL Manager Info

I haven't really done much DX, but this weekend I got ``involved'' in the 10m contest and ran into a few DX stations. I've scrounged through the last couple of years of QSTs to try to find the appropriate QSL managers, with mixed success. Could someone help me out with a couple of these?

1) The 4/88 QST says that KD2EU is the manager for V31MZ.
Is this current?

2) Do VP2EXX and JA6WFM/HR2 have managers?

3) Where SHOULD I be looking to answer these questions myself?!

Thanks in advance. It is amazing what 100 watts and a whip can do...

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Date: 13 Dec 89 19:19:20 GMT
From: yoda!ldg%byuvax.BITNET@jade.Berkeley.EDU
Subject: Emergency Van Info
Message-ID: <32ldg@yoda.byu.edu>

A while back a chap asked if anybody had set up an emergency van for

field operations with amateur radio equipment. I posted a reply to this posting, but due to an anomaly in our news software, the posting never made it to any other sites.

The Santa Barbara Amateur Radio Club has had such a van for about 5 years or so. The last time I visited them, it was crammed full of radios, packet gear, an emergency generator, a crank-up tower, and all sorts of other equipment. The van was donated by the Santa Barbara Research Center of Hughs, and quite of bit of custom cabinetry, wiring, mechanic-ing and so on was done to make it an excellent operating station. I was impressed. It is one of those large step-van type vehicles, tall enough to walk around in. I think they even have a coffee pot installed. For more information, write:

Santa Barbara Amateur Radio Club
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350 CB / BYU / Provo, UT 84602 of misuse is probably trivial" --Loise Kohl

Date: Thu, 14 Dec 89 11:55:16 est
From: <PZS@MERCURY.MCEO.DG.COM>
Subject: FT-470, the continuing saga...
Message-ID: <8912141655.AA00039@adam.DG.COM>

CEO summary:

Re: Tunable front ends

I have the same problem with my wife's Kenwood TH25AT. It's designed to have a wide-band front end so you can tune the 150-162 Mhz range. Unfortunately, all that RF energy is also present when you're trying to tune the 144-148 Mhz band. Bearcat scanners used to advertise a "tracking" front end, which was just a varactor tuned filter that peaked the front end for the frequency you were listening to. I suspect that the more expensive commercial radios do the same thing, at least I bet the synthesized ones do.

Date: 14 Dec 89 16:10:51 GMT
From: shlump.nac.dec.com!leaf.enet.dec.com@decwrl.dec.com (Steve Dowman)
Subject: rec.radio.shortwave "invite"

In article <8460@ttidca.TTI.COM>, sorgatz@ttidca.TTI.COM (Avatar) writes...
(mindless drivell on swl'ers being dweebs and anti-Ham)

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>N3xxx:  "KH6xxx 59 Pennsylvania."
>KH6xxx: "You're 59 Hawaii. QSL?"
>N3xxx:  "QSL. Thanks for Hawaii!  How's my signal out there?"
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Ed Gilbert, WA2SRQ

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In article <4140010@hpnjld.HP.COM> eyg@hpnjld.HP.COM (Ed Gilbert) writes:
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>> :-)
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>Not as ridiculous as it sounds, given the rubber-stamp 59 that
>everyone gives in the contests. The same question was asked of
>me in the 160M contest a couple of weeks ago by a W4, and that
>was on CW.
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> Ed Gilbert, WA2SRQ

Taken to the extreme: the K1EA contest program (which is a lovely piece of software, and the following comment is not intended as a criticism) *automatically* fills in 599 or 59 as the exchange for every station you work in a contest. The issue here is speed, and frankly exchanges can almost be done away with since once you've got a person's call, you've made a contact. You need the exchange to get the multipliers (states, countries, zones, or whatever), but the signal report is really superfluous. In fact, Sweepstakes manages just fine without an RST. Perhaps other contests should follow suit??

--Jim, K6ZH

Date: Thu, 14 Dec 89 09:34:56 EST
From: pswecker@med.unc.edu (Peter St.Wecker)
Subject: SouthEast Scanner's list
Message-ID: <8912141434.AA13585@pelham.med.unc.edu>

As per my previous message, we now have a South East US scanner mailing list. Everyone who sent me a note should have gotten an announcement. Here are the details:

This list is for the exchange of information pertaining to scanner listening in the South Eastern US.

To request to be added or dropped from this list send mail to:

SE-Monitor-Request@eng.clemson.edu

To submit a message to this list send mail to:

SE-Monitor@eng.clemson.edu

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